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Bill Richardson, Secretary  
U.S. Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Ave.  
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Richardson:

1 [We are writing  
to you about a matter that is of great  
concern to us and that is the trans-  
porting of high level radioactive  
nuclear waste through San Bernardino  
County, California, where we live.  
According to the newspaper article in  
our local newspaper, the Daily Press  
in Victorville, the U.S. Energy Dept.  
plans to transport high level radio-  
active nuclear waste, on our freeway  
and railroads in our area.]

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[Interstate (15) and the main line of  
the Santa Fe both go through Cajon  
Pass, our Victor Valley and continue  
on across the Mojave Desert to

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Barstow where the 15 freeway connects with Interstate 40 going east into Arizona and the 15 freeway continues on to the Nevada line and points east. In recent years, there has been several serious railroad accidents in Cajon Pass touching off dangerous chemical fires, with the fumes caused the derailment of freight cars and often times, closing the pass. On Interstate 15 & 40 here in the Mojave Desert, we ~~had~~ have had frequent bad accidents involving big trucks, (18 wheelers) and often they have to close the freeway! Should a bad accident occur with a shipment of high level radioactive material spill on our railroad tracks or the freeways, we have a lot of strong winds here in the desert that would carry the radiation a great distance. We might have to evacuate.

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many populated areas in our  
County as a result of a bad accident.

Furthermore Secretary Richardson,  
we are asking you to extend  
the Feb. 9th deadline for the  
Comment period to give our U.S.

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nations and our County Supervisors  
time to call a mass meeting  
here in the Victor Valley on this  
vital matter. There has been  
no meetings in San Bernardino  
County to date!

Sincerely,  
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Weisel

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